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SUBJECT: AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

REF: (A) USIA CM 1290 SEPT. 6, 1974
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1. CONFERENCE DATES: CONSULTATIONS FORREY, BROWN WITH UNIVERSITY
OF LAGOS LOCAL COMMITTEE SET CONFERENCE DATE DURING EASTER
VACATION PERIOD, MARCH/APRIL, 1976, IN ORDER ACCOMMODATE EAST AND

WEST AFRICAN UNIVERSITY SCHEDULES AND PROVIDE TIME FOR EFFECTIVE
PLANNING. INITIAL COMMITTEE PREFERENCE FOR FIVE DAY MEETING.

2. LOCATION: UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS. ALTHOUGH FACILITIES LIMITED, COULD
USE NEW CONFERENCE HALL WITH LODGINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR BLACK
ARTS FESTIVAL, NOVEMBER, 1975. FALL-BACK POSITIONS ARE FEDERAL
PALACE HOTEL IN LAGOS WHICH COSTLY AND NEEDS GOVERNMENT INTERCESSION
TO ASSURE ROOMS, OR UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN WITH EXCELLENT CONFERENCE
FACILITIES AND NEARBY DORMITORY.

3. SPONSORSHIP: VICE CHANCELLOR J.F.A. AJAYI ON BEHALF UNIVERSITY
OF LAGOS TO SPONSOR CONFERENCE.

4. REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMITTEE: LAGOS COMMITTEE PLANS PRELIMINARY
RPC MEETING POSSIBLY MAY 16 - 18 WITH PROFESSOR AJAYI AS
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CHAIRMAN TO DISCUSS TENTATIVE PROGRAM, TIMING, PARTICIPANTS, THEMES.

AGREED RPC MEETING TO INSURE REGIONAL CHARACTER OF CONFERENCE. LOCAL COMMITTEE WANTS FIVE TO TEN RPC PARTICIPANTS FROM WEST, CENTRAL, EAST

ND SOUTHERN AFRICA AND PROFESSOR LETITIA BROWN, BCICA. WILL REQUIRE FUNDING. FIRST FORMAL INVITATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY SPONSOR SOON AFTER RPC MEETING TO INSURE LEAD TIME FOR PREPARATION PARTICIPANT PAPERS.

5. CONFERENCE AGENDA: INITIAL AGREEMENT TREAT AMERICAN REVOLUTION, U.S. IMPACT ON AFRICA, AFRICAN IMPACT ON U.S., AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES AND WAYS TEACHING ABOUT U.S. PROBLEMS OF BI-LINGUAL CONFERENCE

NOTED. PREFER KEEP ENGLISH-SPEAKING TO MAXIMUM EXTENT.

6. PARTICIPANTS: LOCAL COMMITTEE SUGGESTS AMERICAN SCHOLARS HAVE AFRO-AMERICAN OR AFRICAN STUDIES BACKGROUND AS USEFUL DIMENSION THEIR AMERICAN STUDIES SPECIALTY. COMMITTEE ALSO REQUESTS FIVE EMINENT AFRICAN SCHOLAR IN U.S. BE FUNDED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. FOR SELECTION PURPOSES AMERICAN STUDIES CONSTRUED AS AFRICAN SCHOLARS WITH HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE DISCIPLINES AND DEMONSTRATED SCHOLARLY INTEREST IN U.S.

7. FINANCING: LOCAL COMMITTEE TOLD STATE AND USIA FUNDING DOLS. 25,000 WITH SOME POSSIBILITY ADDED FUNDS. VICE CHANCELLOR SAYS WILL SEEK NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AND POSSIBLE SUPPORT AND FOUNDATION FUNDING. REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF MAY RPC MEETING BEING MADE THROUGH BCICA TO WASHINGTON.

8. NOMINATIONS: POSTS NOMINATE PARTICIPANTS THROUGH USIA ICS/CA TO BCICA WHO NOTIFIES RPC DIRECTLY. COPY OF BCICA OUTGOING ALSO TO USIA LAGOS SO ALL INFORMED THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS. ADVISE POSTS RPC RETAINS RIGHT FINAL SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS.

9. ERCAS: WASHINGTON FUNDING TO BE REQUESTED BY BCICA FOR ATTENDANCE EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE AMERICAN STUDIES ONE MEMBER FROM LOCAL NIGERIAN COMMITTEE AND PERHAPS ONE OTHER MEMBER OF RPC FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY. BCICA ALSO TO OBTAIN SALZBURG INVITATION FOR AJAYI WHO IN EUROPE AT THAT TIME.
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QPM NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN STUDIES: FORMATION DISCUSSED AND LIKELY DURING OR AT END OF REGIONAL CONFERENCE.

11. SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE CONFIRMED BY LETTER FROM AJAYI.

1). MINUTES OF CONSULTATION MEETINGS, AJAYI LETTER AIR POUCHED.

13. ACTION: NEED WASHINGTON CABLE RESPONSE TO FUNDING REQUESTS
PRIOR MARCH 20 LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING TO DETERMINE
RPC INVITEES.

14. REQUEST, IF POSSIBLE, L. BUGGELN, R. CLINTON, M. SCHNEIDER
ATTEND MARCH 13 MEETING/DEBRIEFING WITH MARSHALL BERG.
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